



**Pvt. Price Gets Combat Infantryman Badge**

With The Fifth Army, Italy—Private Richard B. Price, of Pores Knob, North Carolina, has been cited by his regiment of the 3rd "Marne" Infantry Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat with the enemy while serving on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration, which was recently authorized by the War Department, is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

**Pvt. Higgins At Camp Croft**

Pvt. Woodrow Higgins has arrived at Camp Croft, S. C., for basic training. He is the husband of Delia Higgins of North Wilkesboro. He was inducted into the army on June 14, 1944, at Fort Bragg. Before induction he was employed as Carolina Mirror Co.

**Lt. Colvard Here**

First Lieutenant and Mrs. Sherman Colvard, of Alexandria, La., have been visiting relatives and friends here and in the Wilkes community. Before volunteering for army service Lt. Colvard was in business as a lumber dealer here.

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**ABBOTT AND COSTELLO AT ALLEN**



Abbott and Costello as a couple of hard-working plumbers who suddenly become playboys in their Universal comedy, "In Society", directed by Jee, Yarbrough, produced by Edmund Hartman, and now showing at the Allen Theatre.

**Chaplain Bumgarner Is Promoted**

Chaplain G. W. Bumgarner, who is with the Marines in California and who expects to sail with them on a not too distant day was promoted September first to the grade of First Lieutenant.

He writes of the fine fellowship with the men in service and of the splendid opportunity of a chaplain anywhere in the armed forces.

Denominationalism seems to drop to rather low levels, while the real and virile in religion is at a premium.

Chaplain Bumgarner and his brother, Lt. (s.g.) James I. Bumgarner, chief engineer on a new destroyer, had the pleasure of meeting and seeing each other for a few hours a few weeks ago.

**Pfc. Billings Is Now Expert Infantryman**

Somewhere in The Central Pacific Area—Major General Ralph C. Smith announced that Pfc. Jesse J. Billings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burch Billings, has been awarded the Expert Infantryman Badge at a base somewhere in the Central Pacific Area.

The attainment of this badge and high honor attests to Pfc. Billings' physical stamina and his proficiency in shooting and all-around infantry training.

**Cpl. Bowles In England**

Cpl. W. Jones Bowles arrived in England several days ago, according to letters received by his wife, the former Miss Inez Asher. Cpl. Bowles was stationed at Camp Davis before going overseas.

**Ferguson News The Past Week**

Mr. James Adams, a former resident of the Adkins Shop section, died in Charleston, S. C., last week and was buried at Dunkirk cemetery near his old home. The funeral was in charge of the pastor of Dunkirk church. Mr. Adams had been living in Charleston for some time when he was stricken and had employment in the navy yard at that place. He was a former Wilkes county school teacher and was well known in the county where he had many relatives and friends.

Misses Frances and Birdie Whitener, of Statesville, spent the week-end as guests of Miss Betty Jean Ferguson.

Mr. Chas. Minton was the host to quite a gathering at his home some days ago when a large number of his friends assembled for a general get together good time. Quite a few games were played and the old time Virginia reel and square dance were participated in by nearly all present. In fact the event was somewhat in celebration of the completion of Mr. Minton's large new barn which is a very commodious and convenient structure, it having been so arranged that feed may be stored by driving directly into the second story. Mr. Minton is to be congratulated in the decided improvements he has made about his farm and premises, he having recently remodeled and painted his dwelling. He was assisted by his sister, Mrs. Jay McGee, in the entertainment of the large crowd present. Refreshments were served and every one went away reluctantly, expressing their appreciation for their hospitable entertainment.

The usual second Sunday services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Foster, morning and evening, at the Beaver Creek Baptist church. A very creditable gathering greeted the pastor, since the polio ban has been lifted.

The Grange met last Tuesday evening with a goodly number present and held a business meeting and also a general discussion of farm problems, both as pertain to local affairs and country wide matters.

Misses Bessie Brock and Beatrice Sebastian, teachers in the Ferguson school, spent the night in the community and attended the Grange meeting.

Prof. and Mrs. O. M. Proffit and little son, Danny, have moved back to the community and are occupying an apartment at the home of Mrs. Ella Shepherd. Mr.

**Pvt. Burchette Gets Gold Stripe**

At A 12th AAF B-25 Headquarters—Private John E. Burchette of Ronda, N. C., who is rounding out his first six months of foreign service and is serving with a veteran B-25 Mitchell bombardment wing in the Mediterranean theatre, has been authorized to wear his first gold stripe for foreign service.

The stripe, which designates six months of overseas service, is awarded by a recent act of congress to all men in the army who have served that length of time outside the continental limits of the United States.

Private Burchette has served on active duty in Africa, Italy and his current undisclosed base. He entered the army air forces in July 1943. He is the son of Mrs. H. A. Burchette of Ronda, and was a farmer in civilian life.

**Clifford Smith Writes**

Camp Peary, Va. Sept. 10, 1944.

Dear Editor: I have begun looking forward to receiving The Journal-Patriot after all when you have been stowed away in a hospital for almost three weeks, you wonder about everything at home. When you can't be there, the best medium is the home town paper.

Every now and then I meet some of the fellows from North Wilkesboro—sure would like to see the rest of the familiar faces I have been missing for so long.

Well, keep your finger crossed, for I'll be seeing you, and best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely,  
FRED C. SMITH, CMI-C

**Ensign Hubbard Home**

Ensign Fred Hubbard, Jr., who is in service with the army transportation services and is stationed at New Orleans, La., is spending two weeks with his family here.

**News Of Boomer The Past Week**

Boomer, Sept. 15.—Rev. Mr. Presnell, of Hickory, filled his regular appointment here Sunday and after preaching attended to the ordinance of baptism in which he baptised Cpl. Ira Walker and his brother, Ralph. Cpl. Walker was home on furlough a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Walker.

Rev. S. I. Watts filled his regular appointment at Goshen Sunday.

Mrs. Charles P. Byrd, of North Wilkesboro, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Eller and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Walsh Sunday.

Seaman Travis Johnson was home on leave this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Johnson.

Burton Carlton has finished his boot training at Camp Peary and is spending a few days at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Carlton.

Mr. A. F. Greer is busy with his shop work. He has just finished a truck body for Mr. Wilson Watts, of Taylorsville.

Mr. Hill Earp, of Taylorsville, visited his sister, Mrs. T. G. Davis, a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Cain and Mrs. Roy Cain visited Shattley Springs, Ashe county, last Sunday. Since the polio ban, has been lifted we hope to see all the children back in Sunday school and church.

**A. S. T. C. to Open Term On Tuesday**

The date for the fall term opening for Appalachian State Teachers College has been set for Tuesday, September 19. The Freshman Orientation program begins on Tuesday morning. Among the activities are included the psychological tests, the medical examinations, the guidance program, and other things of a lighter nature. The registrar gives the information that the college will open with an increased enrollment.

Profit will again have charge of the school which is scheduled to open next Monday morning, Sept. 18th. Friends and acquaintances were distressed to hear of the sad death of Pvt. Bill Hubbard, who was killed in action in France July 31. Pvt. Hubbard was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hubbard of this place and besides his parents he is survived by his wife who was the former Miss Dorothy Eller. A memorial service will probably be held for the young soldier at an early date. He was reported to have been a brave and courageous soldier and the sympathy of the community is extended to his bereaved parents and widow. We are advised by one of the secretaries, I. F. Walsh, of the Walsh-McGee clan that their annual reunion will be held at Beaver Creek October 1, Sunday, beginning at 10:00 o'clock. Lunch will be served and there will be an all-day session with an address by a prominent speaker.

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